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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CONNELLY, Jay H.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REDUCING CONFLICTS BETWEEN
SPEECH-ENABLED APPLICATIONS
SHARING SPEECH MENU

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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8. (Twice Amended) A speech-enabled apparatus for developing a speech menu to control at least two speech-enabled applications, comprising:
a distance accuracy module capable of comparing at least one candidate sound command from each application to a previously-stored sound command in the speech menu to determine an accuracy value, the distance accuracy module capable of installing the sound commands for each application unless the accuracy value is less than a predetermined value.

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13. (Twice Amended) A set of instructions residing in a storage medium, the set of instructions capable of being executed by a processor to implement a development of a speech menu for a speech-enabled application, the method comprising the steps of: